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## Virginia Juvenile Justice Association

*Celebrating 40 years of advocating for court-involved children and the professionals who touch their lives.*

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## TOM CURRIER HONORED FOR WORK AT SECURE DETENTION FACILITY

On November 2, 2006, long time Lynchburg government employee, Tom Currier, was honored for his work in secure detention. While attending the 30<sup>th</sup> Fall Juvenile Justice Training Institute, in a ceremony before more than 400 juvenile justice professionals and policy makers from across the state, Currier was presented the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association's *2006 Meritorious Award in the Area of Residential Services*. Currier, who serves as the Superintendent of the Lynchburg Regional Juvenile Detention Center, has been employed by the facility for 34 years. Initially hired as a Social Worker, Currier went on to be the Assistant Superintendent and in 1975 was named Superintendent.

Currier has been active in his community and in professional associations. He is a member of the Virginia Council on Juvenile Detention (VCJD) and the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association (VJJA). He has served on both the local and state boards of VJJA, serving in 1981 as the association's President.

Currier graduated from George Washington High School in Danville in 1966 and Lynchburg College in 1971. He and his wife Wendy raised two children, Aaron and Alyson, and continue to make their home in the Lynchburg area.

Background: Each year the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association recognizes professionals who have made extraordinary contributions in the juvenile justice field. Meritorious awards are presented in the areas of: Administration, Court Services, Residential Care and Community Service. Recipients are recognized before their peers at VJJA's Fall Juvenile Justice Training Institute, held annually in November.

About VJJA: Founded in 1966, the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association (VJJA) is an organization comprised of professionals representing court services, the judiciary, indigent defense, detention homes, juvenile correctional facilities, halfway houses, group homes, mental health, education, law enforcement, social work, and others with an interest in youth and family services. The organization is administered by an elected board of directors and is committed to child advocacy and advancing the professional interests and competencies of its members. State and local training events are held, with a statewide conference held annually in November. Learn more at [www.VJJA.org](http://www.VJJA.org).



Tom Currier, Superintendent  
Lynchburg Regional Detention Center